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Co-operative Societies

Prosecutions for misappropriation of funds by the Deputy Registrar of Co-operative Societies in Kistna district.

* 1718 Q.—Mr. V. Ramjee Rao : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) the number of prosecutions lodged in the district of Kistna during the years 1926 and 1927 by the Deputy Registrar of Co-operative Societies for misappropriation of the societies' funds against the members;

(b) by whom the various cases were tried;

(c) how many cases ended in conviction and how many in acquittal and the names of prosecuted persons with the details of amount misappropriated against each; and

(d) whether the Government and the Registrar of Co-operative Societies have satisfied themselves that the grounds of acquittal were satisfactory and that no appeal need be preferred against acquittal?

A.—(a) to (d) The Government have no information but have called for a report.

Industries

Opening of industrial schools by local boards.

* 1719 Q.—The Zamindar of Gollapalli : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether any local board has sent any proposal to open an industrial school and requested the Government to sanction the grant for the said school; and

(b) if so, what steps the Government propose to take?

A.—The Gobichettipalayam Taluk Board proposed the establishment of a school for Adi-Dravidas in the village of Perundalaiyur for imparting instruction in spinning and weaving and asked the Government to bear the entire charges thereof. It was informed in reply that it would not be possible to open a school for the benefit of a comparatively small number of persons but that if the Taluk Board could open an industrial institution, the Industries Department would consider favourably the question of giving such an institution suitable grants-in-aid.

Public Works

Construction of a bridge over the Buckingham Canal between Tirukkalikkunram and Seven Pagodas.

* 1720 Q.—Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether he is aware that on account of the Buckingham Canal running between Tirukkalikkunram and Seven Pagodas (Mahabalipuram) merchants and tourists find it very difficult to pass from one place to another especially during the rainy season;

(b) whether hundreds of tourists including Europeans and Americans visit the Seven Pagodas for their great architectural skill;